

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

IN RE: ) Chapter 7  
 ) Case No. 15-15473  
LEIGH ANN STONE )  
 ) EX PARTE APPLICATION TO  
 ) EMPLOY ATTORNEY FOR TRUSTEE  
Debtor )

COMES NOW the Trustee, Nancy L. James, and prays for authority pursuant to 11 USC §327 to employ Rory Livesey and Livesey Law Firm under general retainer to act as attorney for the Trustee for the following purposes:

1. To assist with the valuation and liquidation of estate property;
2. To advise and consult with the Trustee concerning questions arising in the conduct of the administration of the estate and concerning the Trustee's rights and remedies with regard to the estate's assets and the claims of the secured preferred and unsecured creditors and other parties in interest;
3. To appear for, prosecute, defend and represent the Trustee's interest in litigation arising in or related to this case;
4. To investigate and prosecute preference or other actions arising under the Trustee's avoiding powers; and

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Nancy L. James, Trustee  
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5. To assist in the preparation of such pleadings, motions, notices and orders as are required for the orderly administration of this estate.

6. Services first performed: January 6, 2016.

7. No retainer has been paid or promised. The attorney will seek compensation from estate funds under separate application and order. The attorney's hourly rate is \$375.

The trustee is not aware of any connections between Rory Livesey, and the debtor, creditors, any party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee other than as set forth above. No notice to creditors or interested parties of this motion is necessary pursuant to 11 U.S.C. section 102(1) and FRBP 2002. The attorney is qualified to provide legal services required in the instant case. The attorneys will seek compensation at their normal hourly rates.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

/s/ Nancy L. James

Nancy L. James  
Trustee